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SUBJECT: DSP CHAIRMAN KASUGA'S VISIT TO KOREA

1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE POLITICAL COUNSELOR MABUCHI IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 8, VISIT TO KOREA OF JAPANESE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) CHAIRMAN KASUGA IKKO, AUGUST 24 - 28, CAME OFF VERY WELL. MABUCHI SAID THAT THE HIGH POINT OF THE VISIT WAS KASUGA'S CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HUI, AUGUST 26. KASUGA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SUNOBE WHO SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO KASUGA'S INQUIRY ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT KIM TAE-CHONG MIGHT BE RELEASED FROM PRISON PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RELEASE KIM PROVIDED HE EXPRESSED REPENTANCE FOR THE ACTIONS WHICH WERE THE CAUSE OF HIS CONVICTION. PRESIDENT WENT ON TO CRITICIZE KOREANS WHO RELIED UPON OUTSIDE SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH POLITICAL CHANGE IN KOREA.

2. MABUCHI SAID THAT KASUGA SEEMED, ON THE WHOLE, PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT TO KOREA. HE ADDED THAT THE KOREANS HAD OBVIOUSLY GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO MAKE THE VISIT WORTHWHILE.

3. KASUGA'S VISIT HERE GOT EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BY THE
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KOREAN PRESS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS KOREAN NEWSPAPERS CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF KASUGA AS HE MADE HIS ROUNDS OF THE KOREAN HIERARCHY. ROKG IS CLEARLY MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO KEEP OPEN AND EXPAND ITS TIES WITH THE DSP.
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